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FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE STATEMENT ON LONG TERM, COMPREHENSIVE HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE REFORM

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The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) releases the following statement:

The Joint Board is taking a fresh look at high-cost universal service support. The Joint Board has tentatively agreed that:

- 1. Support mechanisms for the future will focus on:
 - a. Voice
 - b. Broadband
 - c. Mobility
- 2. In addition to the principles set forth in the statute, support mechanisms for the future will be guided by the following principles:
 - a. Cost control
 - b. Accountability
 - c. State participation
 - d. Infrastructure build out in unserved areas
- 3. The equal support rule will not be part of future support mechanisms.

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